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| Title | : | Ni-Pt ALLOY AND TARGET COMPRISING THE ALLOY | |

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is a timely response to the written Restriction Requirement dated October 13, 2010.

Election

In the present application, Applicant elects without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I directed to a Ni-Pt alloy and sputtering target. The elected Group I claims include claims 1, 2, 7 and 8.